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1. The ban on the sale of tickets to East Berlin was lifted on 21 October 1953.¹

2. [redacted] tickets to Berlin have been issued at Brandenburg
railroad station since 21 October 1953. 1

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3. On 14 October, [redacted] VP controls at the border stations
of the Berlin interurban railroad system had been tightened.

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4. [redacted] the following railroad coal stocks
(in tons) were available on the days mentioned:

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Date	Ruhr coal	Locomotive Coal		Shop Coal
		Other-type hard coal	Brown Coal briquettes	
30 September	-	46,200	22,300	29,500
3 October	-	46,200	19,200	30,600
6 "	-	43,300	15,900	31,400
10 "	-	39,700	26,200	32,900 2

5. On 12 October, the following daily coal consumption quotas expressed in
briquette units went into effect:

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Railroad District	Locomotive Coal (in tons)	Shop Coal	
Berlin	2,850	300	
Greifswald	1,160	70	
Schwerin	1,460	70	
Magdeburg	2,650	180	
Halle	4,120	400	
Erfurt	3,630	280	
Dresden	3,900	380	
Cottbus	1,630	100	
Total	21,400	1,780	3

6. [redacted] instead of 400,000 tons of hard coal scheduled to be delivered by Poland in September, only about 320,000 tons had actually arrived. An average of 10,000 tons of hard coal was daily to be delivered by Poland for the East German railroads in October. Moreover, approximately 165,000 tons of brown coal briquettes were to be made available from the state coal reserve. In October, the East German railroads had to make available about 400 railroad cars for the handling of coal imports every day. Coal imports were delayed because loading operations took 8.5 days in Poland as against 3.5 days in East Germany. 4 25X1
7. Of 1,500,000 tons of hard coal to be delivered by Poland to East Germany, a total of 320,000 tons had arrived by rail and water prior to 1 October. 4
8. On 12 October, [redacted] the reserves of empty boxcars parked in the Magdeburg railroad district had been released for use by the East German economy. 5 25X1
9. In early October, [redacted] preparations were being made for a resumption of controls at elevated train stations along the sector boundaries. Source expected that timetables for the Berlin interurban railroad system would soon be changed so as to make possible close controls at stations along these boundaries. 25X1
10. Effective 11 October, the control system in force around Berlin was to be simplified. In future, controls were to be executed in the trains themselves during a six-minute stop. It was planned to make these controls at Hohenneuendorf on the line to Oranienburg, Hoppegarten on the line to Strausberg, Mahlow on the line to Zossen, and Griebnitzsee on the line to Potsdam. The control of identity cards at gates of railroad stations was scheduled to be discontinued. Previously, identity cards had been checked at the Birkenwerder, Lehnitz, Fredersdorf, Strausberg, Babelsberg, and Potsdam railroad stations.

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11. On 18 October, a new timetable for elevated trains went into effect in Berlin. The new schedule provides for a stop of seven minutes at each control point.
12. The reorganization of control measures along the zonal boundaries of Berlin went into effect on 18 October. Interzonal trains are no longer checked in Potsdam but in Griebnitzsee. Trains arriving from the direction of Luebben are controlled in Eichwalde, those from Kuestrin in Hoppegarten, those from Wuensdorf in Mahlow, those from Luckenwalde in Teltow, and those from Oranienburg in Hohenneuendorf.

13. [redacted] seven or eight trains daily passed through Forst, in both directions, between 10 September and 11 October. [redacted] half the cars of the train were German equipment [redacted] The cars involved are almost exclusively used for the shipment of coal from Upper Silesia. 4

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14. [redacted] 4,000 wheel tires arrived in Frankfurt/Oder from the USSR in late September. 6

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2. Comment. Expressed in briquette units, the following coal stocks were available for locomotives on 10 October 1953:

Hard coal except for Ruhr coal:	59,550 tons
brown coal briquettes	26,200 tons
	85,750 tons

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3. Comment. The increase of the daily coal consumption quotas was due to seasonal reasons.

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6. Comment. [redacted] the East German Railroads, for 1953, had a deficit of 20,528 wheel tires. The Soviet deliveries cover only 20 percent of these requirements. The East German newspaper "Nationalzeitung", in its issue of 17 October 1953, gave publicity to the delivery of wheel tires to the Meiningen railroad repair shop by the USSR.

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